

LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK MONTHLY PROGRAMS

PARK HOURS:

Open 24 hours - 365 days a year

NATURE CENTER HOURS:

CLOSED

NOTE: The Nature Center will be closed for renovations beginning February 2, 2015. Project is anticipated to last until Fall 2015.

ADMIN. OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

PARK FEES:

Day-use vehicle entry fee: \$6
Per motorized watercraft: \$4
Per non-motorized watercraft: \$2
Developed campsites: \$30 per night
Semi-developed campsites: \$20 per night
Shoreline camping: \$12 per night

ONLINE RESERVATIONS:

<http://www.maricopacountyparks.org/>

WEBSITE:

http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/lake_pleasant/

DIRECTIONS:

From central Phoenix, take I-17 north to Carefree Highway (SR 74). Exit Carefree Hwy. and travel west 15 miles to Castle Hot Spring Road at mile post 19. Travel north to Lake Pleasant Regional Park entrance.



Maricopa County

Parks and Recreation Dept.
Lake Pleasant Regional Park
41835 N. Castle Hot Springs Rd.
Morristown, AZ 85342
Entry Station: 1 (928) 501-1710
Fax: (602) 372-7465
lakepleasant@mail.maricopa.gov



MARCH FEATURED PROGRAMS

Arizona Wildlife, Live! Follow in-park program signs.

Date: 3/14/2015

Time: 2 p.m.

Description: Follow in-park program signs to this fun live exhibit. Live animals of Arizona will be featured between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., and you can learn all sorts of interesting things about these animals, featured by the Arizona Game & Fish Department. Knowledgeable volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and share some interesting facts about the wildlife of Arizona. Come on out and enjoy the scenery and at the same time see some live animals up close.

Core: Animals

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Spring into Spring Pipeline Canyon Flower Hike – Meets at Pipeline Canyon Trailhead

Date: 3/20/2015

Time: 9 a.m.

Description: Let's explore the spring flowers of the desert during this first day of spring! Hopefully the flowers will be plentiful along the way. This hike is a moderate 4 miles and will take around 3 hours. We will take a break at the halfway point, so bring a snack. Wear good hiking shoes and carry water and a snack. There are bathrooms at both ends of the trail and water. We will meet at the south end of the Pipeline Canyon Trail.

Core: Plants

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Dam Good Run / Walk / Hike

Date: 3/21/2015

Time: 9 a.m.

Description: Come join us for a fun

healthy event! This day is the only day of the year you can cross over the Waddell Dam at Lake Pleasant. Registration is through the link on the main Lake Pleasant page. You can also print out the course map as well from there. There will be several hike options to include: a 2 mile "Dam Fun" road course (does not go on dam, but strollers are allowed on this course only), a 4 mile "Dam Challenging" course (crosses over the dam twice, and has a steep hill and an off road portion), and the 8 mile "Dam Tough" course that crosses over the dam and has many miles of diverse trails with steep hills. Sign up and we will see you on March 21 for the Lake Pleasant Dam Good Run / Walk / Hike event!

Core: Health & Fitness

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Taste of the Desert Hike – Cottonwood Day Use Area

Date: 3/26/2015

Time: 10 a.m.

Description: Come actually taste the desert on the Cottonwood Trail. Very few people experience the desert with all their senses, we will be tasting the desert on this hike! Not only will we enjoy the trail, but we will most likely encounter wildlife and gain a few views of the lake. We will meet at the North Pipeline Canyon Trailhead and Cottonwood Day Use Area. We will be hiking the Cottonwood Trail. This hike is a moderate to easy 2 miles round trip and we will be taking it slow and stopping to taste the desert in a few places. Wear good hiking shoes and bring water. The Ranger will see you at the trailhead for a unique adventure!

Core: Plants

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LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH PROGRAMS

Beardsley Trail Loop Hike – Meets at 10-lane Boat Launch Restrooms

Date: 3/5/2015 **Time:** 1 p.m.

Description: Join the ranger on this fun new trail at Lake Pleasant. We will explore part of the new Beardsley Trail, then hike above the lake on some park roads, which will make this a fun and scenic loop hike. Wear good shoes and bring water and a snack. This 4 mile hike is moderate to easy and should take about 2 hours. We will meet in front of the 10-lane restrooms, just follow the "Hike" signs from the main park entry gate. Call if you have questions about this hike.

Core: Health & Fitness

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Pleasant Paddlers Program - Sunset and Full Moon Paddle Tour – Fireman's Cove or 4 Lane Boat Ramp Area

Date: 3/5/2014 **Time:** 6:30 p.m.

Description: Come explore the north end of the lake as we tour by the full moon. You should have your own paddlecraft and equipment, but if you need a connection for nighttime kayak rentals call the Ranger in advance for that number. Bring water, lights and your adventurous spirit! It is mandatory to wear your life vest when on the water as part of this paddle. We will meet at Fireman's Cove or near the 4-Lane Launch Ramp, look for "Pleasant Paddlers Program" signs. Call if you have questions.

Core: Aquatics

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Find the Naturalist on the Pipeline Canyon Trail – Meet at Pipeline Canyon Trailhead

Date: 3/7/2015 **Time:** 10:30 a.m.

Description: Come see if you can find our Naturalist Frank Meyerholtz on the Pipeline Canyon Trail between 10:30AM and 2PM. Frank will have a name tag on and will be carrying all sorts of fun stuff to show you and the kids. There are chances of seeing wildlife along the trail too, especially down by the floating bridge! Once inside the park, continue straight on North Park Road to the Pipeline Canyon Trailhead. Keep a sharp eye out for Frank as he roams the trail looking for you!

Core: Animals

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Pleasant Paddlers Program - Humbug Paddle - Fireman's Cove or 4 Lane Boat Ramp Area

Date: 3/12/2015 **Time:** 9 a.m.

Description: Come explore this special bay with the Ranger. This paddle will be between 8 and 10 miles. This paddle is recommended for experienced paddlers (not beginners), and will last around 4.5 hours. Chances of seeing wildlife in this area is very good. You must wear your life vest at all times on the water if you are on this tour. Come properly dressed for the weather, and wear good water shoes. Bring water and a lunch. We will meet in Fireman's Cove or near the 4 - lane launch ramp, look for the "Pleasant Paddlers Program" signs. Call if you have questions.

Core: Aquatics

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"The New" Beardsley Trail Hike – Meets at 10-lane Boat Launch Restrooms

Date: 3/19/2015 **Time:** 9 a.m.

Description: Join the ranger on this fun new trail at Lake Pleasant. We will explore most of this new trail, Wear good shoes and bring water and a snack. This 5 mile hike is moderate to easy and should take about 3 hours. We will meet in front of the 10-lane restrooms, just follow the "Hike" signs from the main park entry gate. Call if you have questions about this hike.

Core: Health & Fitness

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Find the Naturalist on the Cottonwood Trail – Meet at Cottonwood Trailhead/Day-Use Area

Date: 3/28/2015 **Time:** 10:30 a.m.

Description: Come see if you can find our Naturalist, Frank Meyerholtz, on the Cottonwood Trail between 10:30AM and 2PM. Frank will have a name tag on and will be carrying all sorts of fun stuff to show you and the kids. There are chances of seeing wildlife along the trail, too. Once inside the north park entrance off Castle Creek Drive, continue until the first right onto Cottonwood Lane. Keep a sharp eye out for Frank as he roams the trail looking for you!

Core: Animals

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STAFF:

Park Supervisor: David Jordan
Interpretive Ranger: Terry Gerber
Admin Staff: Chris Simpson, David Chatfield, Cheryl Kidd, Grady Van Popering, Laura Jo Boyd, and Jessica Scalzitti

Park Maintenance: Larry Beil, Jim Apthorp, Thomas Rychtik, and Alma Izaguirre

Nav Aid Techs.: Kyle Randall and

Charlie Sizer

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MESSAGE FROM THE PARK SUPERVISOR:

During the month of March, the desert comes alive as animals emerge from their winter hideouts and colorful, cheery flowers begin to sprout up and cover the desert floor. To help ensure a safe, enjoyable experience and to protect the integrity, beauty and resources of Lake Pleasant, please observe the wildlife, plants and other resources/features from a respectable distance by staying on designated trails and roadways at all times. Happy trails to you and yours! And thank you for your continued support!

David Jordan

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WHAT TO BRING:

Please wear sturdy shoes (closed-toe), dress appropriately for the weather and bring more water than you think you will need. See descriptions for specifics. Notes: Fees for guided hikes and programs are included in the park entry fee of \$6 per vehicle or with your annual pass. Reservations are not required unless specified in the program description. Hikes/programs are canceled if heavy inclement weather is imminent. If possible, canceled hikes will be posted on the website –

www.maricopa.gov/parks

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